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## Department Overview

- The **Animal Industry Division** has responsibility for programs to control and eradicate reportable contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases of livestock, poultry, and equine and companion animals; controlling contamination of animals from toxic substances; enforcing and supporting the humane treatment of animals; and promoting Michigan animal industries.
- The **Food and Dairy Division** administers programs to enforce laws and regulations governing the safety and wholesomeness of food and food products; administers food safety programs; responds to food safety complaints, recalls, and food emergencies; serves as a key link in the federal-state-local food safety system; assists in the food safety education of consumers, regulators, and industry; and assures the interstate movement of milk and dairy products.
- The **Laboratory Division** provides analytical, diagnostic, and technical support to the regulatory divisions of the department and to other state and federal agencies. The division also prevents economic fraud and deception in the area of weights and measures, labeling and advertising, and regulates the sale and quality of motor fuel.
- The **Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division** administers programs and laws to prevent the introduction and dissemination of invasive and exotic pests, as well as other destructive insect pests and plant diseases; to prevent the adulteration of animal food, unsanitary grain storage facilities, and misuse of pesticides; and to provide assurance that animal feeds, remedies, fertilizers, seeds, and pesticides are registered and accurately labeled. PPPM also provides for grading, inspection, and certification of fruits and vegetables; and certifies and licenses businesses in the nursery trade.
- The **Environmental Stewardship Division** provides assistance and support to soil and water conservation districts, drain commissioners, and other land users, enabling them to carry out programs that maintain economically viable and environmentally friendly land uses.
- The **Fairs, Exhibitions and Racing Division** supports and enhances Michigan county and local fairs, some of which feature horse racing, through education and incentive programs; manages the Upper Peninsula State Fair in Escanaba; administers grant programs to Michigan's 88 county and local fairs; and provides a variety of grants to the horse racing industry. The division also administers the Grain Dealers Act and the Farm Produce Insurance Act; and oversees MDA's technological resources and innovation.
- The **Agriculture Development Division** has responsibility for facilitating agricultural economic development opportunities and to strengthen the family farm and promote opportunities for the state's food and agriculture industry. The division assists in developing new domestic and international markets for Michigan agriculture. They assist farms, food processing firms, and agri-businesses to expand, attract or retain jobs and capital investment, especially in biofuels and value-added food processing. They also support the Michigan Renewable Fuels Commission and the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council.
- The **Finance and Administrative Services Division** administers business processes for the Department, including budget, accounting, procurement, facility management, and mail operations. The division also oversees the fiscal data needed to assure the timely, accurate, and efficient use of MDA resources.
- The **Human Resources Division**, working under the Civil Service Commission, provides all personnel, labor relations, training program, and equal employment opportunity services.

The MDA Executive Office houses the Office of the Director, who is responsible for policy development, department strategic planning, daily operations and more. The following department functions also fall under the Executive office: **Emergency Management, Communications, Legislative Liaison**, and support for the **Michigan Commission of Agriculture**. The **Office of the Racing Commissioner** is an independent (Type I) office that is administratively housed in the department that has regulatory oversight for all pari-mutuel horse racing in the state.